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In re Application of: Vale *et al.*

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Entitled: ASSAYS FOR THE DETECTION OF
MICROTUBULE DEPOLYMERIZATION
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 USC 371 IN THE US DESIGNATED
ELECTED OFFICE MAILED APRIL 26, 2001**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir or Madam:

This is responsive to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371 in the US Designated Elected Office mailed on April 26, 2001, setting a two-month period for response. Prior to examination of the instant application, please amend the application as follows.

Instructions to amend the specification, and replacement or added paragraphs in clean form pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b) is included beginning on page 2 of this communication. A marked-up version of the specification's replacement paragraphs pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b) is attached as Appendix I.